



USDA Foods Fact Sheet for Schools & Child Nutrition Institutions

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100280 – PEARS, FRESH, BOSC, WHOLE, CASE

CATEGORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Vegetables/Fruits
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">U.S. Grade 2 or better. Fresh pears, Bosc winter variety.
PACK/YIELD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">45 lb case. Each case contains a count of 100 pears.One lb AP yields 0.94 lb ready-to-cook or serve raw, cored, wedged pear (about 3 cups) and provides about 12.0 ¼-cup servings raw pear OR provides about 2.29 1¼-cup servings fruit.CN Crediting: ¼ pear provides ¼ cup fruit. 1 whole pear provides 1¼ cups fruit.
STORAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The best storage temperature for pears is 32 to 35 °F with a relative humidity of 90-95 percent. Keep pears in a well-ventilated area. Length of storage for pears depends on the variety and the district where they are grown, as well as the condition when harvested.Use First-In-First-Out (FIFO) storage practices to ensure use of older product first.
PREPARATION /COOKING INSTRUCTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ripen fruit in original containers at 65 to 70 °F and, if possible, 90-95% relative humidity. The fruit is ripe when it has a pear aroma, the flesh gives to gentle palm pressure, and the skin has a yellow color.Handle fresh pears gently to prevent bruising. Rinse in cool water and dry before serving. To prevent cut pears from browning, dip in a lemon juice and water mixture.

Nutrition Information

Pear, whole, raw

	1 medium (166 g)
Calories	96
Protein	0.63 g
Carbohydrate	25.66 g
Dietary Fiber	5.1 g
Sugars	16.27 g
Total Fat	0.20 g
Saturated Fat	0.01 g
Trans Fat	0 g
Cholesterol	0 mg
Iron	0.28 mg
Calcium	15 mg
Sodium	2 mg
Magnesium	12 mg
Potassium	198 mg
Vitamin A	38 IU
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Vitamin C	7.0 mg
Vitamin E	0.20 mg



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USES AND TIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serve fresh pears whole or sliced and use in salads or desserts. Serve baked or as a garnish for main dishes. Use diced fresh pears in stuffing for fish, pork, poultry, or broiled with hamburgers. Add sliced pears to fresh fruit salad.
FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wash pears thoroughly before using.
BEST IF USED BY GUIDANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For guidance on how to effectively manage, store, and maintain USDA Foods, please visit the FDD Website at: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/facts/biubguidance.htm.• For additional information on product dating, go to page 13 of <i>Choice Plus Food Safety Supplement</i> at: http://nfsmi-web01.nfsmi.olemiss.edu/documentlibraryfiles/PDF/20080206043207.pdf.

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